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TO : Extra Long Staple Cotton Domestic User/Exporter Agreement Holders SUBJECT : Revised Agreement to the Special Competitive Provisions for Extra Long

Staple Cotton program

The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 included changes to the Special Competitive Provisions for Extra Long Staple Cotton Program. These changes are included in the revised Extra Long Staple Cotton Domestic User/Exporter Agreement (Agreement) located on our web site, www.fsa.usda.gov/daco/cotton.htm. Beginning August 1, 2003, the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) will use this Agreement in administering the Special Competitive Provisions for Extra Long Staple Cotton program.

The June 6, 2000 Agreement, will expire on July 31, 2003. In order to execute the revised Agreement, complete, sign and return it to CCC in duplicate (original and one copy). Participants should carefully read the Agreement before signing.

Effective Date:

Agreements received by CCC by July 31, 2003, will be effective August 1, 2003. All Agreements received thereafter will be effective on the date of acceptance by CCC.

Major Change:

The Special Competitive Provisions for Extra Long Staple Cotton program is extended to July 31, 2008.

General Changes:

Minor changes to the previous Agreement have been incorporated into the new Agreement. Among these general changes are the following:

- 1. Section A-2 (b)(6) Addition. To the list of ineligible cotton. "any eligible cotton which has been blended with textile mill waste or other fibers, including motes, linters and pills".
- 2. Section B-5 (a) Changed. The due date for the submission of the Application/Report from (COB) Monday to (COB) Wednesday...
- 3. Section B-7 (d) Changed. The weekly consumption listing must cross-reference the purchase invoice number.
- 4. Section C-3 (b) Addition. Intermodal shipments must be clearly identified.
- 5. Section C-7 (f) Addition. Exporter's purchase invoices.

Program Contacts:

Contact the Financial Review Branch, Contract Reconciliation Division at (816) 926-6663 if you have any questions.